

Troop 226 Gazette

June 2006

Scoutmaster's Minute

The month of May started out with a rumble as soaking rains, severe storms, tornados, and hail engulfed North Texas. The troop endured these conditions as we set out for Worth Ranch and a weekend of Fishing and Canoeing.

Upon approach to Worth Ranch we began to see ominous clouds lurking overhead as lightning bolted through the sky. When we pulled into the gate we were directed to quickly move to an enclosed shelter as a report from the Sherriff's department placed us in the path of baseball size hail and 65 mile-per-hour winds. Our timing could not have been more perfect as we arrived at the new dining hall and finished unloading our gear that would be necessary to sustain us for a few hours, the rain began. Just as we finished unloading the emergency siren was activated evacuating everyone to the nearest shelter. We were able to sit in the comfort,



dryness and safety of the shelter. After a quick debriefing the scouts made emergency plans such as the safest spots and evacuation routes in case of emergency. WE WERE PREPARED! As luck would have it the severe weather seemed to dissipate or go around us but there were many more lines of storms on the way so it would be a long night. With permission from the camp we made the decision to stay in the safety of the shelter for the night. With time to occupy and a building the size of a basketball gymnasium all to ourselves we had a few games of kick the can or can football/soccer and the opportunity to watch a spectacular lightning show. We were later joined by a very large troop (over 40+ scouts) for the night; we may all agree that they were a little unruly. I was very proud of the scouts in Troop 226 which chose to quietly retire for the night while the chaos of settling in continued

next to us.

As the morning light began to unveil across the camp we could see that it was going to be an overcast but wonderful day. We proceeded to set up camp and arrange for our canoeing adventure. We had one young slithering visitor in camp but our snake hunter, Mrs. Bonnie quickly shuttled the baby rattle snake out of camp after our viewing. It was obvious by the large mid-section bulge that the small reptile had just eaten something that was larger than the snake's mouth but smaller than a scout. Hurray to "Rattlesnake Bonnie".



After lunch we set out on our 6-mile canoeing adventure on the Brazos River from Worth Ranch to Highway 4. The water was good the weather was perfect for canoeing and no portages were required; we made the 6-mile trek in an easy 2 hours. Several choose to do some fishing on the water but no fish were caught. The scenery along the river was spectacular from shallow plains to towering cliffs and just about everything in between. At the take-out we did some swimming and fishing in the rapids; several rode the rapids down without canoes.



With dark clouds building in the northwest we loaded up tired and hungry and returned to camp for supper and time to sit around a relaxing campfire. It was a great campout and I hope all enjoyed it.

During May we also conducted a successful Court of Honor with lots of advancements and merit badges plus some interesting entertainment; should we call American Idol for the original rendition of Chupacabra? Congratulations to all the scouts that were acknowledged at the COH for rank advancement, merit badge progress and the Presidential Volunteer Service Award.



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Our next camp will be Summer Camp at Tahuaya; I had the privilege of helping to set up camp this past weekend and all I can say is study up on how to set up a BSA wall tent. You will probably need to make adjustments to your tent when you arrive at camp. I look forward to seeing everyone at Summer Camp.

Chris Dougherty
Scoutmaster



CONGRADULATIONS TO
Phillip W. who had a successful
Board of Review for Eagle Rank.

EAGLE PROJECTS:

Philmont 2007
Is full but you can still put your
name on the waiting list.



Sherrie Walsh and Brody T. were inducted into the Order of the Arrow, Brotherhood this weekend. Phillip Walsh, Sr. and Vera Salim were along to help with the tutoring and to witness the induction ceremony. We are very proud of Brody's and Sherrie's accomplishment.

MAY 2006 COURT OF HONOR

IMPORTANT DATES:



June – Theme “Summer Camp!”

- 6/01/06 – OWL meeting
- 6/4/06 – 6/10/06 – Summer Camp
- 6/12/06 – PLC, 7 P.M.
- 6/14/06 – Flag Day
- 6/18/06 – Father’s Day
- 6/19/06 – Troop Meeting
- 6/14/06 – Flag Day
- 6/18/07 – Father’s Day
- 6/19/06 - Troop meeting
- 6/21/06 - 1st day of Summer.
- 6/22/06 – Committee Meeting
- 6/26/06 – Troop Meeting
- July Theme – Theme “Aquatics”**
- 7/01/06 – Liberty By the Lake
- 7/02-07/06 – Aquatics and Wake Board School
- 07/02-14/06 – Twin Arrows
- 07/03/06 – Troop Meeting, Dues will be Due
- 07/04/06 – 4th July
- 07/13/06 – Roundtable, OA meeting and Eagle Project Reviews
- 07/17/06 – Troop Meeting
- 07/21-23/06 - Galveston Island Campout
OA Ordeal
- 07/24/06 – PLC
- 07/27/06 – Committee Meeting
- 07/31/06 – Troop Meeting
- 8/03/06 – OWL Meeting

- A., Justin: 75 Camping Nights
- A., Kenton: Canoeing
- A., Charles: 75 Camping Nights
- B., Ryan: 2nd Class, Canoeing, 25 Camping Nights
- B., John: Canoeing
- B., Chris: 75 Camping Nights
- C., Chris: Photography
- C., Chuck: Photography, 100 Service hours,
75 Camping Nights
- D., Gerald: 100 Camping Nights
- D., Sam: Canoeing, 75 Camping Nights
- D., Taylor: Canoeing, Disability Aware,
Family Life, Fire Safety, Den Chief Serv.
- E., Paul: Scout
- F., Casey: Family Life, Personal Fitness
- J., Brandon: 10 Camping Nights
- M., Jonathan: Scout, 10 Camping Nights
- M., Stephen: 75 Camping Nights
- M., Caleb: Canoeing, 50 Camping Nights
- M., Ryan: 25 Camping Nights
- M., Ryan: Canoeing, t0 Camping Nights
- R., Rusty: Canoeing, 25 Camping Nights
- S., Ethan: Citezen in Nation, Personal Management
- T., Chris: 2nd Class, Canoeing, 25 Camping Nights
- T., Brody: 75 service hours
- W., Phillip: Personal Mangement
- W., James: Bronze Palm
- W., Lance: 50 service hours

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Presidential Volunteer Service Award

What is **SERVICE**? By definition it is: (1.) work done by one person or group that benefits another; (2.) an act of help or assistance.

The Boy Scouts of America began with service when a young scout did his daily good turn and helped William Boyce find his way through the London fog. From that time in 1909, to present day, millions of Scouts have performed service projects and good turns for the betterment of America, its people, and the world.



In April of 1997 the BSA committed to providing 200 million hours of community service each year by its youth members in response to the President's Summit for America's Future. This commits each Scout to a minimum of 12 hours of community service each year.

Service is a two-edged sword of good. Both the community, and the Scout performing the service, can benefit. Benefit to the community is obvious in the lives of those who receive the service. However, let's not forget what performing service can also do to a Scout. The sense of accomplishment, the satisfaction of helping others, and the pride in knowing it made a difference, can inspire a Scout to do more, and spur him to continue to help, long after he hangs up his uniform.

Every day, millions of Americans volunteer, using their time, talents, and compassion to make a difference in the lives of others. It is through these acts of kindness and decency that we are able to demonstrate the true character and compassion of our country.

Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service to others. The **President's Volunteer Service Award** is a Presidential recognition program for Americans of all ages, who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer service. The Award is given to individuals, families and groups that have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over the course of a 12-month period.

Troop 226 is proud to acknowledge three of our scouts as recipients of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Kenton A. – Bronze Award, Charles A. – Bronze Award, Taylor D. – Gold Award.

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TROOP 226'S LEADERSHIP Positions:

Senior Patrol Leader: **Stephen M.**

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader:
Caleb M.

Troop Quartermaster: **Brody T.**

Troop Scribe: **Lance W.**

Troop Chaplain Aide : **Zack M.**

Troop Historian: **Casey F.**

Troop Librarian: **Justin A.**

OA Representative: **Brody T.**

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster:
Phillip W. (mentor SPL/ASPL)
James W. (TFC)

Instructors: **Blake W., Lance W., Glen D.
and Zack M.**

TFC Instructor: **Chris C., Taylor D.**

Patrol Leaders:

Tsunami – **Rusty R.**

Thunderhawk – **Jacob G.**

Firebird – **Lance W.**

Barbarian – **Taylor D.**

Border – **Ethan S.**

Assistant Patrol Leaders:

Tsunami – **Jonathan M.**

Thunderhawk – **Ryan M.**

Firebird – **Gerald D.**

Barbarian – **Sam D.**

Border – **Blake W.**

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YES!!! As a matter of fact, we do need adult positions!!!

There's a place for everybody in Troop 226! We're always in need of more adult volunteers, either as Assistant Scoutmasters, Troop Committee Members and/or Merit Badge Counselors. More active adults means a stronger Program!

COMMITTEE/TROOP POSITION

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which one has overcome while trying to succeed." Booker T. Washington - Educator/Political Activist 1856-1915

CC - Nancy Allen	Scout Master - Chris Dougherty
COR - Alan Scherer	Asst. SM - Frank Ramirez
Secretary - Cathy Gibson	Mark Brochtrup
Treasurer - Stacy Longoria	Charlie Stroud
Cashier - Sherrie Walsh	Philip Walsh
Advancements/Membership - Vera Salim	Steve McNeill
Outdoor Coordinator - open	
Equipment Coordinator - Gary Morgan	
Publicity - Ronda Dausch	
Fundraiser - open	
Training Coordinator - open	
Committee Service Coordinator - Rebecca Dougherty	
Summer camp/Philmont Coordinator - Rebecca Dougherty	

** Secretary - position will be coming available in June

If you think you might consider taking over one of the open positions please contact Nancy Allen, Troop 226 CC.